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nests. Neither of these nests contained anything besides the nest-eggs at the time the snakes visited them.

The interesting question arises as to why these snakes were unable to distinguish between an artificial nest-egg and a real egg; the difference being apparent to a human being upon a mere glance or touch. Of course, if a snake depends upon the olfactory sense alone the case is clear enough because even the china egg would retain the odor of a hen's body for a considerable time. Still, a snake certainly should be familiar enough with stones to be able to distinguish between them and articles possessing food value. But I will content myself with a statement of the facts and leave conclusions to be drawn by others more versed in snake psychology.

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### *TANTILLA CORONATA* IN VIRGINIA

In a small collection of reptiles recently sent me for examination by Mr. W. T. Davis of Staten Island, I find a specimen of *Tantilla coronata* which was collected by him in Buckingham County, Virginia, near the James River about opposite Wingina, Nelson County, Virginia, on July 15, 1917. The specimen was found under a stone.

This is a new record for the state and a far north record for *Tantilla coronata* which has not previously been recorded north of Raleigh, N. C.

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